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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

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AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY LIMA

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AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: BENC, ETEL, CO, BR, VE, PE, EC, BL

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: ANDEAN SUB REGIONAL SATELLITE

REF: (A) STATE 054332; (B) CARACAS 2750

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED TELECOM AND DISCUSSED STATUS OF PLANS FOR DOMESTIC SATELLITE SYSTEM. COLOMBIA REMAINS CONVINCED THAT A DOMESTIC SATELLITE IS THE MOST EFFICIENT AND ECONOMIC METHOD TO PROVIDE COMPLETE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES TO THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. THE DOMESTIC SATELLITE WOULD BE USED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES ONLY AND NOT FOR LONG DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS. TELECOM INFORMED EMBASSY THAT APPROXIMATE COST DATA ON PROJECT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY AUSUT 1978.

2. PROJECT CONDOR: EVIDENTLY THE RESULTS OF THE PREFEASIBILITY STUDY DONE BY CANADA SHOW THAT COLOMBIA HAS THE HIGHEST
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COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC IN THE REGION AND THAT WITHOUT COLOMBIAN PARTICIPATION CONDOR CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED. HOWEVER, ALL THE NECESSARY TRAFFIC INFORMATION WAS NOT RECEIVED FROM ANDEAN GROUP MEMBERS. A FURTHER EVALUATION IS EXPECTED UPON THE RECEIPT OF COMPLETE TRAFFIC DATA.

COLOMBIA REMAINS INTERESTED IN A REGIONAL SATELLITE AS

A POSSIBLE MEANS OF PROVIDING LONG DISTANCE INTERNATIONAL CAPABILITIES. THERE IS NO INDICATION IN BOGOTA THAT COLOMBIA IS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE ANDEAN SUB REGIONAL SATELLITE PROJECT.

3. FOR AMEMBASSY QUITO: SINCE GROUP STUDYING CONDOR (ASETA) IS LOCATED IN QUITO, REQUEST CONTACT WITH GROUP AND REPORT OF ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST. ASECIO

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